

# **Virginia Land Conservation Foundation**

**2017 Surry-Skiffes Creek  
Restricted Funds Grant Round**

## **Workshop Agenda**

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| <b>1:00 PM</b> | <b>Overview of VLCF Grant Application Requirements</b><br><i>Linda Crowe, Grant Specialist, Department of Conservation &amp; Recreation</i> |
| <b>1:30 PM</b> | <b>Historic Resources Criteria</b><br><i>Roger Kirchen, Department of Historic Resources</i>  |
| <b>2:00 PM</b> | <b>Remaining Criteria</b><br><i>Linda Crowe</i>   |
| <b>2:30 PM</b> | <b><i>Questions from the audience</i></b>   |

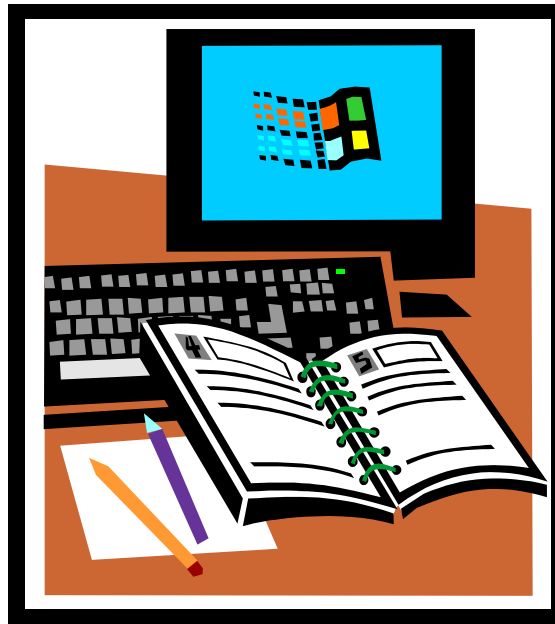
## About VLCF

- Created in 1992, first funded in 2000
- 19-member Board representing VA's 11 Congressional Districts
- Sec. of Natural Resources, Sec. of Agriculture & Forestry, and 17 citizen members – Director of DCR serves as Executive Secretary
- Interagency taskforce develops scoring criteria and advises board on project priorities
- One of the first non-state funded grant rounds.

# 2017 VLCF Grant Round

<b>October 18, 2017, 1:00 - 3:30 PM</b>	<b>Workshop</b> for grant applicants.
<b>November 6, 2017 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Deadline</b> for application submittal – three copies plus electronic submission required.
<b>Week of Nov 13, 2017</b>	<b>Interagency taskforce meetings.</b>
<b>Week of Nov 20, 2017</b>	<b>Secretary of Natural Resources review</b> of top-scoring projects.
<b>Week of Nov 27, 2017</b>	<b>VLCF Board meeting.</b> Approval of grant awards.
<b>January 2017</b>	<b>Grant agreements signed.</b> Projects have two years to close.

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# VLCF - FUNDING

\$12.5 Million is available for projects in the following categories:

1. Battlefield Conservation:

- Battle of Yorktown and Fort Crafford;
- Development of public interpretive programs, signage, and exhibits; and

2. Landscape preservation with an emphasis on projects within the James River watershed benefitting the historic properties and district; and

3. Landscape scale conservation that may lead to precluding future river crossings and non-compatible shoreline development within the Area of Potential Effects (“APE”).

## **Program Eligibility - *on page ii***

- **Who may apply: state agencies, federal agencies, localities, public bodies, and nonprofit organizations that are “holders”.**
- **Minimum application = \$200,000 total cost for land preservation and conservation projects; \$25,000 total cost for public interpretive programs, signage, and exhibits.**
- **Nonprofits must show that they meet “holder” requirements of Va. Code. Federal co-holders allowable.**
- **Letter from landowner is required.**
- **Applicant should show necessary capacity to manage the project.**

## Program Eligibility - *continued*

- Project must be able to be completed in **TWO YEARS**.
- Putting an easement on land currently owned by the applicant = eligible.
- Property or easements used as match must have been acquired within **TWO YEARS** before the start of this grant round (October 5, 2017).





## **Program Eligibility - *continued***

- **USPAP Appraisals must have been done no more than six months prior to payment of grant funds.**
- **The budget for the development and implementation of public interpretive signs and exhibits, or other non-land acquisition costs must be supported by estimates from consultants and/or other providers of such materials.**
- **Projects undertaken by private holders must have a conservation easement that is held or co-held by a PUBLIC BODY, i.e., a state or federal agency, local government, or SWCD.**

## **Program Eligibility – *continued***

- **Explain conditions to be included in the easement – provide term sheet or draft deed if possible.**
- **Evidence of clear title is needed, and all projects require title insurance.**
- **A survey to ALTA/ACSM standards ( or state specifications for easements) is required for all projects.**
- **Phase I Environmental Assessment is required on all acquisition projects (not for easement projects).**

## Ineligible Projects - *page v*

- Land/property that is in public ownership and permanently protected for all purposes described herein, consistent with this program, and thus adds no new protection measures consistent with this program cannot be acquired under this grant program. However, public land purchased in the two years prior to the commencement of the current grant round may be eligible as a match.
- Indirect costs (staff time or overhead) are not eligible match for acquisition/easement projects but may be considered for enhancement/interpretative projects.

# Ineligible projects (continued)

- Acquisition projects that include costs for maintenance and operation of lands and facilities; any such cost must be excluded from the total project costs and will not be considered as match contribution.
- Project proposals that are not site specific.

## **Match Contributions - *p. iii and Appendix 2, page 13***

- **Due diligence costs – appraisals, legal fees, title reports, surveys, recordation fees, etc.**
- **“Pass-through” dollars from other governmental agencies.**
- **Bargain sales, *i.e.*, donation of some of the acquisition or easement cost.**



## **Match Contributions - *continued***

- **Match should be committed at time of application, and must be received by the time of closing.**
- **A form letter (page 5 of the application) must be used if match is not definite at the time of application.**

# Grant Application Scoring

- Grant applications are scored by an interagency taskforce:
  - Dept. of Historic Resources
  - Dept. of Conservation and Recreation
    - Office of Land Conservation
    - Division of Natural Heritage

## **Grant Application Scoring, con't.**

- Proposals are scored based on the criteria in the Grant Manual, with 153 total points available.



# Scoring Criteria – Appendix 1 (Page 10)

## 1. Historical Significance

Resource or property is:

- directly associated with the Battle of Yorktown, Fort Crafford, or Peninsula Campaign;
- a battlefield or site identified with a preservation priority rating in the in the “Report on the Nation’s Civil War Battlefields,” or “Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States;” (together “Battlefield Reports”)
- individually listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register (VLR) or is a contributing resource in a listed historic district;
- formally determined eligible for listing on VLR by DHR within previous 5 calendar years and remains eligible in the opinion of DHR.

*\* Applicants must submit the VLR nomination form or documentation of battlefield priority rating, if applicable.*

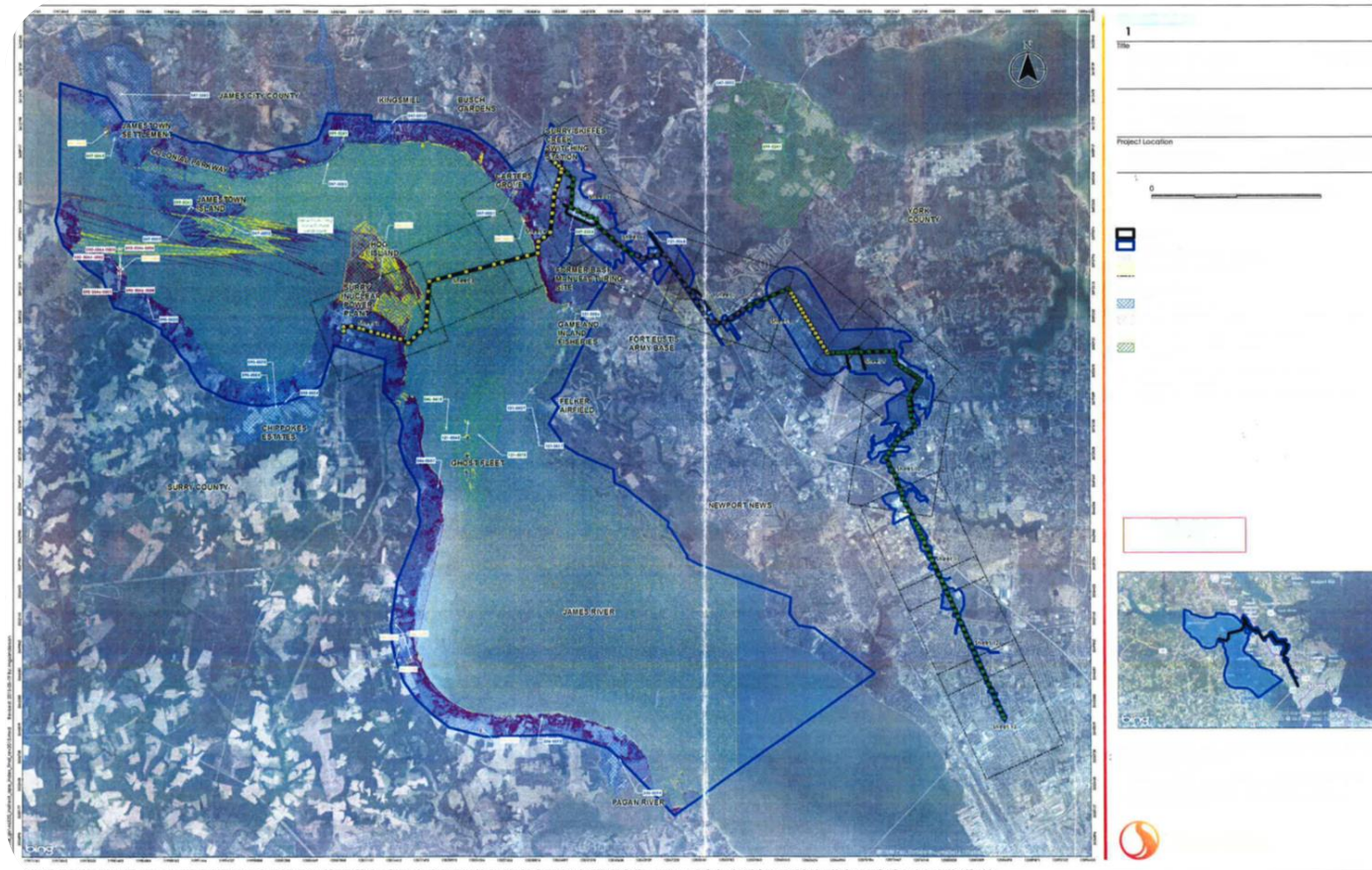
**Maximum score: 30**

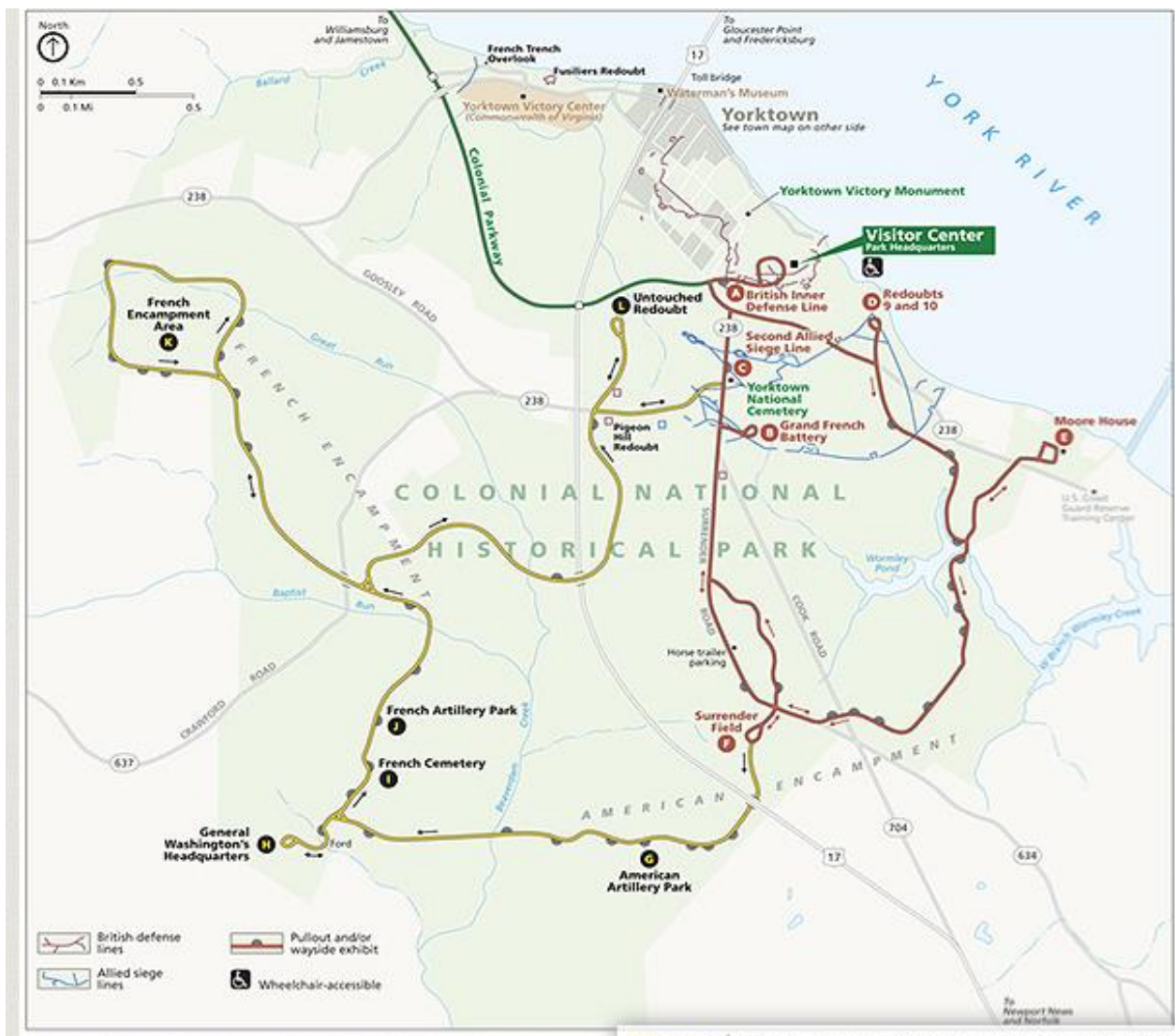
## **2. Proximity to Impacts**

Property or Resource is located in, or will have an impact on,

- the Jamestown Island-Hog Island-Captain John Smith Trail Historic District, and thematically related areas,
- the Area of Potential Impact (APE),
- the James River watershed.

Maximum score: 20







# Werowocomoco Site

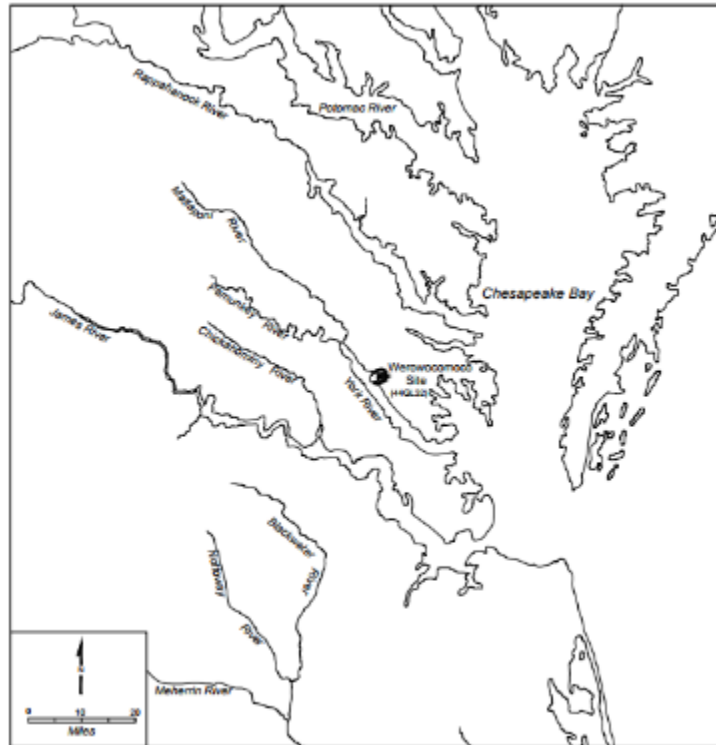
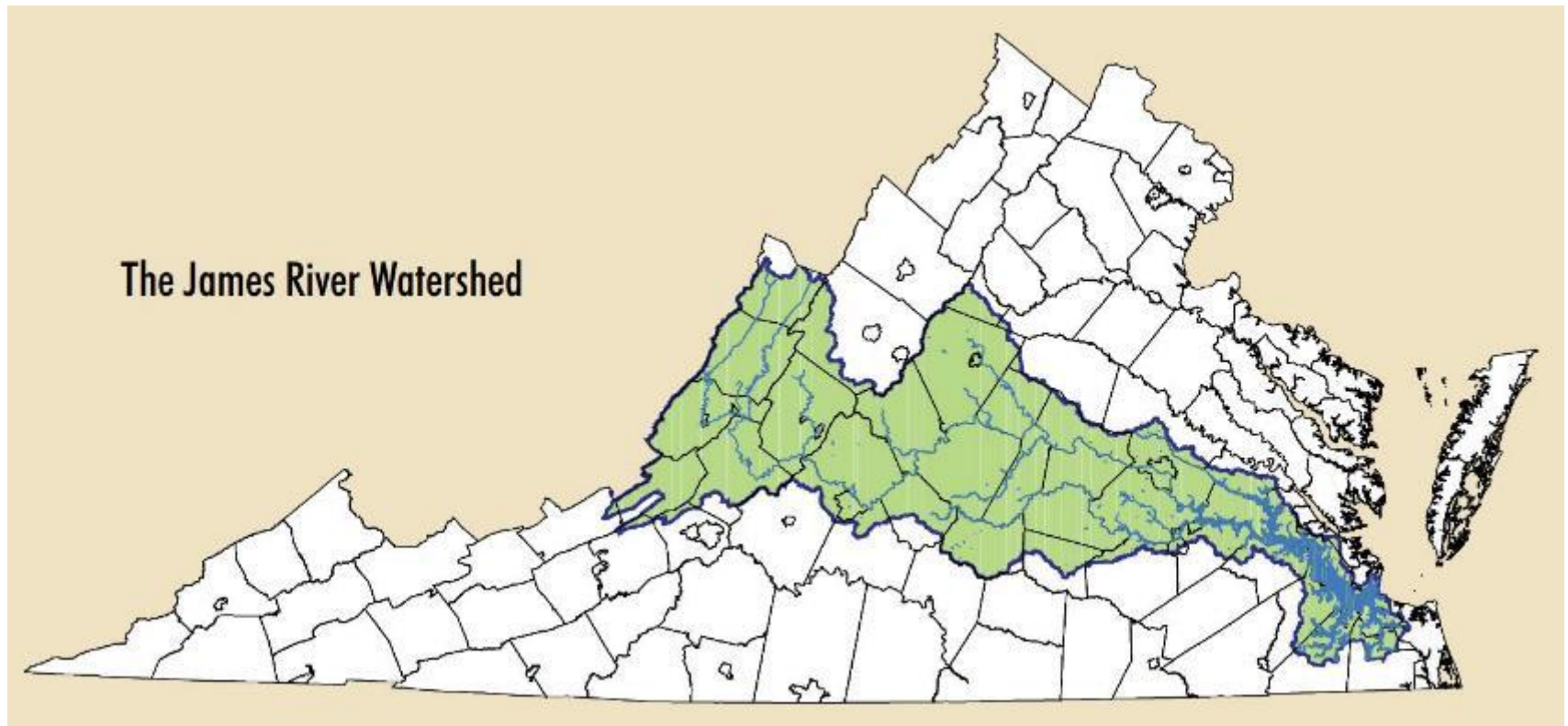


Figure 2-9. Modern Map of Virginia Tidewater with Werowocomoco Site Location.

# Proximity to Impacts, continued



### **3. Landscape Scale Shoreline Preservation**

Does project permanently protect shoreline and/or adjacent landscapes from development, future river crossings, and loss of natural vegetation cover?

Maximum score: 15

## **4. Presettlement Landscape Protection**

Is the identified tract(s) contained within a natural landscape core as identified in the Virginia Natural Landscape Assessment (VaNLA)

The model can be found at <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/vaconvisvnla>

**Maximum score: 20**



## **5. Public Use.**

Project provides public access and interpretive materials.

**Maximum score: 15**

## **6. Degree of Threat**

The protection project alleviates an identifiable threat to the resource or compelling need for immediate preservation exists.

**Maximum score: 15**

## **7. Alignment with other Initiatives**

Supports national, state, regional or local conservation goals and initiatives, comprehensive plans, and/or is additive to a local or regional conservation or preservation need.

**Maximum score: 13**

## **8. Management Capacity**

Applicant intends to manage property according to a documented resource management plan and has demonstrated organizational and financial capacity to ensure appropriate treatment and ongoing maintenance of the historic and/or natural resource.

*\*Project plans must meet the relevant preservation standards and be approved by the Department of Historic Resources.*

*\*\*Historic Structures Report or Resource Management Plan should be submitted with application, with sections applicable to grant proposal highlighted.*

**Maximum score: 10**

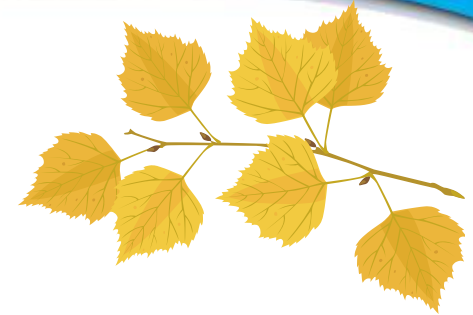
## **9. Ratio of Match to Project Cost**

**Maximum score: 10**

## **10. Cost and Budget**

Detailed itemized budget with realistic cost projections.

**Maximum score: 5**



## Application Information

- 3 paper copies and an electronic version on USB drive or CD received by **4 p.m. on Monday, November 6, 2017.**  
DCR, Attention: Surry-Skiffes Creek Restricted Funding Grant Program  
600 East Main Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219
- One electronic file – please don't split the application into multiple files.
- If it's in PDF format, ensure that the file is searchable.

## **Application Information**

- **Staples, binder clips, or soft-cover folders for paper copies. No hard binders and no hole-punched pages please!**
- **All pages must be 8.5" by 11".**
- **Photographs and maps are encouraged (actually, they're essential).**
- **All reproduced images must be clear and understandable.**



## **APPLICATION WEAKNESSES**

- ❖ **Project not within APE, Historic District or James River Watershed**
- ❖ **No indication that the property owner is willing to conserve their property**
- ❖ **No clear indication that project can be completed within two years**

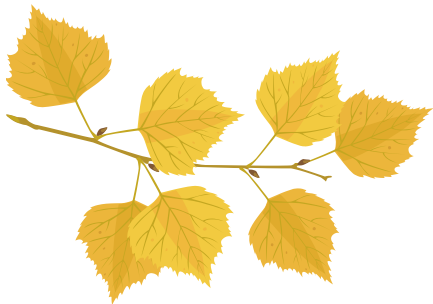


## **APPLICATION WEAKNESSES**

- ❖ **No clear demonstration of the actual degree of threat to the property.**
- ❖ **Providing an entire plan or study rather than just the excerpt from the plan that supports the application.**
- ❖ **Not explicitly addressing all items and all scoring criteria in the application form.**

# **Surry-Skiffes Creek Restricted Funding Manual and other information can be found at:**

**[www.dcr.virginia.gov/  
virginia\\_land\\_conservation\\_foundation/](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/virginia_land_conservation_foundation/)**



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